

Pleasant Street Park ~ Hyannis, MA

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Project Description

In 2004, the Town of Barnstable constructed the downtown Hyannis "Walkway to the Sea" that connected Main Street to Hyannis Harbor. With its signature granite wave, this state and locally financed public works project represented an essential first step in the Town's efforts to revitalize downtown Hyannis by enticing residents and visitors to enjoy enhanced public access and recreational and cultural activities at several parks located on the Harbor. However, a significant drawback to public access is that the existing walkway ends at Aselton Park, (adjacent to the Maritime Museum), leaving no pedestrian connection to the Steamship Authority Ferry Terminal, commercial businesses, restaurants and the public fishing pier along Pleasant Street.

Ultimately, the Town's goal was to bridge this missing link through the acquisition of the property located at 115 Pleasant Street, Hyannis where a recreational green space/park was proposed for the public's use. The acquisition of this land would allow for the construction of a walkway which will connect to the existing Aselton and Bismore Parks, providing the public with a new park and a continuous public walkway wending the length of the Harbor. The connection of these waterfront parks will allow for more water-based activities and encourage continued economic growth and development. The extension of the walkway will create over four miles of walkable pedestrian pathways between Hyannis Main Street and the harbor front areas.

The Growth Management Department sought multiple funding sources in the form of state grants, Cape Cod Mitigation funds as well as Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to acquire the property. With that, \$294,300.00 was awarded to the Town from FY 08 Urban Self-Help Reimbursement Grant funds; \$256,832.00 of funding was received from mitigation funds secured by the Cape Cod Commission for open space acquisition within the Town of Barnstable, and the Town Council, through the Community Preservation Committee, voted to approve \$551,132.00 in appropriations to acquire the parcel for Open Space and Recreation. Upon receipt of the Urban Self-Help Grant Award Funds, the Community Preservation Committee was reimbursed in the amount of \$294,300.00 leaving a funding total of \$256,832.00 in use of the CPA funds for the acquisition.

The project was completed in two phases; Phase I – Acquisition and Phase II – Improvements. Post acquisition, the improvements began immediately which included the continuation of the harbor walk with the construction of an 8' cobblestone harbor walk linking to the existing walkway at Aselton Park. The new park will allow residents and visitors alike to enjoy a more direct and walkable harbor that links to the community's shops, restaurants, and transportation along Pleasant Street. Street furnishings such as benches, bike racks, trash receptacles and areas for local art installations were also included in the design. An underground filtration and leaching system was installed in order to collect and redirect the stormwater drainage from the park and adjacent roads that currently discharge directly into Hyannis Harbor through an outfall pipe. This will prevent harmful pollutants in stormwater run-off from going directly into our coastal waters.

Improving the Hyannis Harbor waterfront has been a priority in our Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan for many years. Located directly on Hyannis Harbor and close to Hyannis Main Street, the Pleasant Street Acquisition Project is the perfect mechanism to achieve the Town's dual goals of creating recreational opportunities and encouraging Hyannis redevelopment.

Photos – Final Project

Before Demolition – From Pleasant Street



Walkway After Demolition and Site Preparation – From Pleasant Street



Looking back towards Pleasant Street - Before



Looking back towards Pleasant Street – After



Leading to Hyannis Harbor - Before



Walkway leading to Hyannis Harbor - After



Cost Breakdown

CPA Funds and Urban Self Help Grant Funds

<u>Urban Self Help Grant Funds</u> \$294,300.00

+

<u>Cape Cod Mitigation Funds</u> \$256,832.00

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<u>Acquisition Total</u> \$551,132.00

<u>Community Preservation Act Funds Appropriated</u> \$551,132.00 (Match funds)
-
\$294,300.00 (Reimbursement from USH Grant)
=
\$256,832.00